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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Karickhoff*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to create a new interim committee to study the topic of unifying water resource management in Indiana.

*Whereas, The current Indiana system of water management is conducted by a patchwork grouping of agencies with inconsistent standards across the state, and none of these agencies are solely focused on the management of Indiana's water resources;*

*Whereas, The study should determine whether it is more beneficial to create an entirely new agency to oversee water management or to designate a current organization, such as the Indiana Department of Environmental Management or the Department of Natural Resources, to perform this function; and*

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*Whereas, Consolidating various permitting schemes will simplify the permitting process and improve the consistency of permitting decisions on issues such as drainage, flood control, and water supply planning: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to create a new  
2           interim study committee to study the topic of unifying water resource  
3           management in Indiana.

4           SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate  
5           under the direction of the legislative council and that the committee  
6           shall issue such reports as directed by the council.

